

**Security Council**

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**Letter dated 6 January 2012 from the Secretary-General
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1757 (2007) of 30 May 2007 and its annex relating to the establishment of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon. Pursuant to article 3, paragraph 2 of the annex, I am to appoint the Prosecutor of the Special Tribunal upon the recommendation of a selection panel I establish after indicating my intentions to the Security Council. The panel is to be composed of two judges, currently sitting on or retired from an international tribunal, and the representative of the Secretary-General.

I wish to inform the Security Council of my intention to appoint a selection panel in accordance with the above-mentioned provisions to select a replacement for Daniel Bellemare (Canada), who has informed me that he has decided, for health reasons, not to seek reappointment when his current term of office ends on 29 February 2012. The Office of Legal Affairs has commenced the process of identifying the two judges of the selection panel. Patricia O'Brien, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, the Legal Counsel, shall join the selection panel as my representative.

(Signed) **BAN Ki-moon**

